TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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July 20, 2023

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TWA Home Page: www.w3twa.org
Facebook: TWA Tamaqua Wireless Association
YouTube Channel:
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Schuylkill County AREAS/RACES NET

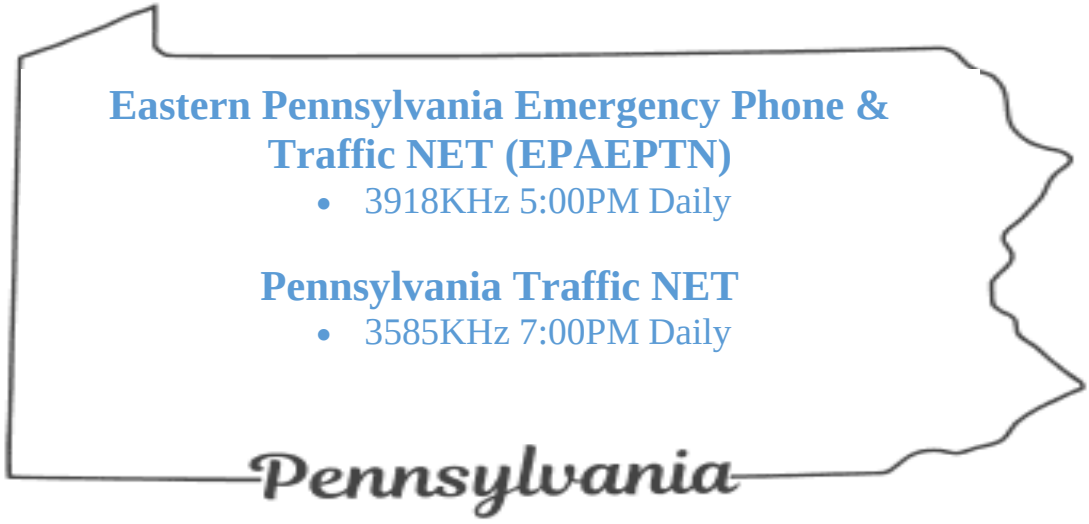
On the last Tuesday of the month, at 8PM our NET Control Operator is Jim, KB3FET. Check-in on our linked system

Roundtable NET

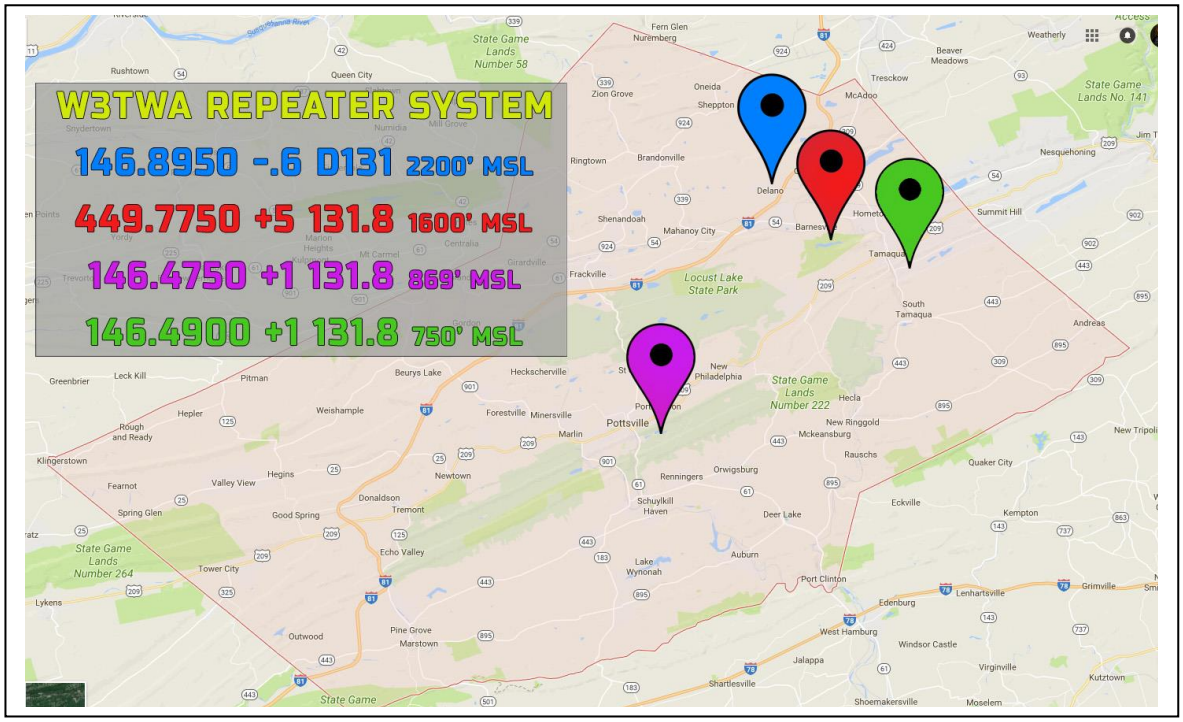
Every Wednesday, at 8PM – Many Club announcements can be heard.

- Need Emergency Service in Schuylkill County? **Dial 911**
- Need Amateur Radio Service? Visit W3TWA.org. Under "Info" click on "Contact us"
- We are here to serve the community. If you need radio communications for an event let us know. We will gladly help.

ARRL EPA Section NET:



TWA FM Repeater Sites in Schuylkill County:



Emergency Service Pager Frequencies:

Carbon County EMS Pager: 155.205 and 453.100
Lehigh County EMS Pager: 154.175
Luzerne County EMS Pager: 157.450
Schuylkill County EMS Pager: 154.070

Club Repeater and Simplex Frequencies:

FM Repeater	Rx	PL/DPL	TX	PL/DPL
Bears Head	146.895	DPL131	146.295	DPL 131
Mountain Valley	449.775	PL131.8	444.775	PL131.8
Pottsville	146.475	PL131.8	147.475	PL131.8
Tamaqua	146.490	PL131.8	147.490	PL131.8



Simplex Mode	Rx & Tx	PL/DPL
FM	146.550	None
FM	223.400	None
FM	446.520	None
FM	927.600	None
DMR All Call	145.100	None
DMR All Call	446.520	None
C4FM	146.580	None
C4FM	442.000	None
D-Star	146.580	None
D-Star	447.000	None

All Meetings will be available On Zoom

You can attend in-person or on Zoom.

Bears Head – DMR – No internet

146.895 Rx & 146.295 Tx			
Color-Code	Time Slot	Name	Talk Group
7	1	Local 9	1
7	2	Local 2	2

Tamaqua – Fusion – No Internet

146.490 Rx & 147.490 Tx

Minutes from our July 2023 TWA Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on July 20, 2023, at Schroeder's Family Farm 555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive in Barnesville and on Zoom. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM.

The following members were present and/or on Zoom for the meeting:

WY3K, KB3AYY, KB3FET, K3KAP, N3NIK, W3DFX, KC3SFT, WA3JDQ, N3HHH, KC3CFC, W3OFD, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

Minutes were distributed via email and reviewed, after a discussion, on a motion by:

1. KB3FET
2. W3OFD

To accept the minutes of our June 15 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

TWA's current balance is $0.0.

Frank gave a breakdown between general fund, repeater fund, and grant money there was in each. If anyone wants to see the entire bank statement email Frank at kb2mxv@gmail.com
Motion was made by:

1. KC3CRS
2. WA3JDQ

To accept the Treasurer's report for July 20, 2023, motion passed

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

Breakfast is coming up on August 6th, 9AM at the White Birch Golf Course.
Field Day contact summary at the end of these minutes

2023 Field Day Contact Summary			
Year	2023	2022	2021
CW	13	50	38
Digital	133	5	39
Phone	190	256	181
Total	336	311	258

ARES County EC: K3KAP

Bob, N3RZI sent out an email on July 9th,
The following in our club have points:
Ed, KB3AYY 28, Jim, KB3FET 20, Bill, WY3K 16, Andy, N3HHH 4, Tom, K3TE 2, Bill, KC3RMV 1, Jeremy KC3QLX 3, Dan KC3RWX 29, and John WE3O 4

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing at this time

Public Relations: KB3FET

Schuylkill County Commissioner Gary Hess attended TWA's Field Day 2023 and proclaimed:

Karen Putt of New Philadelphia, Schuylkill County. Callsign K3KAP, Radio Operator and Officer with the Tamaqua Wireless Assoc. Inc. WHEREAS Karen A. Putt K3KAP be recognized for her service as a Net Control Operator, as Activities Manager, VE Tester, Summer and Winter Field Day Coordinator.

Congratulations Karen!
Also, Jim will put a letter together thanking John Matz for his service as Schuylkill County Emergency Management Director.

VE Session, N3NIK:

Our next test session is August 5th at 9AM.
Dave requests that we sign in to HamExamGen.org on availability for the test.

VE Test Sessions for 2023		
Month	Time	Location
~~February 4~~	~~9AM~~	Tamaqua Borough 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua
~~April 1~~	~~9AM~~	
~~June 3~~	~~9AM~~	
August 5	9AM	
November 4	9AM	

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net: KB3FET
TWA Check-Ins for 2023

Our Net Control is Jim, KB3FET, stop by on the last Tuesday of every month and say hello….

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
January 31st	8	April 25th	0	July 25th		October 31st	
February 28th	8	May 30th	8	August 29th		November 28th	
March 28th	6	June 27th	6	September 26th		December 26th	
1st Quarter	22	2nd Quarter	14	3rd Quarter		4th Quarter	

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

None

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. K3TE reported that Pottsville is back online, there is an issue at the site for the receive frequency. He moved the input to the repeater to 147.470MHz. The transmit did not change, 146.475. Tom and Frank will take the rack apart and see what can be done to get the repeater back at 147.475.
2. Bears Head repeater will have some work done on it. Don Spivak is going to the site on Saturday to look it over. There was a discussion on what needs to be replaced.
3. KB3AYY noted that Tamaqua is still having issues and will look into it.

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

August NET Control Operators are:

August 2nd: Tom, K3TE

August 9th: Tom, KC3CRS

August 10th: Tim, W3DFX

August 23rd: Karen, K3KAP

August 30th: Jim, KB3FET

Members are encouraged to check-in on 146.895, 146.475, 146.490, or 449.775.

Month 2023	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins
January	4	41
February	4	40
March	5	40
April	4	31
May	5	44
June	4	26
July	4	28
August	5	
September	4	
October	4	
November	5	
December	4	
Total	52	254

Old Business:

Nothing

New Business & Correspondence:

1. There was a discussion on the Christmas party in December. After a quick check into a local restaurant, the club decided to return to the Tamaqua Train Station on December 9th from 2pm to 4pm.
2. The club picnic will be on September 9th from 12 to 2pm. The regular September club meeting will be held prior to the picnic.
3. Ron, KB3CFV noted that there was an antenna on the ground and the owner ran over with the lawn mower. Ron noted that we need to do a better job keeping the area tidy.
4. There was a discussion on the TWA Trailer. Ron KB3CFV will ask the owner if they want it. If they don't, Andy N3HHH said he talked to Gary KA3FUL and does not want it. Bill WY3k asked for a motion to take the trailer to J.W. Zaprazny Junk Yard. First: Ed KB3AYY, Seconded: Dave N3NIK. Motion passed.
5. Grove maintenance was discussed. After a discussion, Tom KC3CRS will cut the grass and keep the grove tidy and in tip top shape. There was a discussion on gas and odds and ends that Tom will need to keep the tractor going. On a motion by Jim, KB3FET and seconded by Ed, KB3AYY to have Tom get what he needs in gas and will be reimbursed. Motion passed.

Good for the Order:

1. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be at the Schroeder's Family Farm, 555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive, Barnesville. August 17th, 7PM. In case of bad weather, we will meet at the Tamaqua Borough Hall. Tune into our repeater network for any announcements about location.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:53PM by:

1. N3NIK
2. W3DFX

Motion passed.

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE, Secretary, Tamaqua Wireless Association.

Summary Your confirmation number is **25k6jmt0**

Entry received at: 2023-07-10 23:06:58 UTC
Submitted by: **Karen Putt, K3KAP** E-mail: k3kap@yahoo.com
Call Used: **W3TWA** GOTA Station Call: **W3CMA** ARRL/RAC Section: **EPA** Class: **4A**
Participants: **14** Club/Group Name: **Tamaqua Wireless Assn**
Power Source(s): **Generator, Battery, Solar**
Power Multiplier: **2X**
Preliminary Total Score: 2,264

Bonus Points:

Bonus	Points	Status
100% emergency power	400	
Media publicity	100	File [news article.jpg] previously uploaded
Public location	100	
Natural power QSOs completed	100	File [W3TWA - NATURAL.dup] previously uploaded
Site visit by invited elected official	100	
Youth participation (4 x 20, max of 100)	80	
Safety officer	100	Documented by Field Day Safety Officer.pdf
Social media	100	
GOTA Station	70	
GOTA Coach	100	
Entry submitted via web	50	
Total bonus points	**1,300**	

Score Summary - File [W3TWA.dup] previously uploaded

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total
Total QSOs	13	133	190	
Total Points	26	266	190	**482**

Claimed Score = (QSO points x power mult) = **964**

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW		Digital		Phone	
Band	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m						
80m			9	100	5	100
40m			89	100	99	100
20m			29	100	65	100
15m	13	100	2	100	6	100
10m			4	100		
6m					1	100
2m						
222						
432						
Other						
Satellite						
GOTA					14	100
Total	**13**		**133**		**190**	

GOTA Station: GOTA Coach - 100 Bonus Points

Name	Call	QSOs	Bonus Points
Dave Stephens	N3NIK	10	50
Jim Munley	KB3FET	2	10
Ron Creitz	KB3CFV	2	10